



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **DUI Round-Up 50 Arrests in June 2012**

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In June 2012, SBPD made fifty arrests for driving under the influence violations. Numerous arrests are made each month when concerned citizens call 911 after witnessing possible DUI drivers. The SBPD would like to thank the responsible citizens who take the time to call and report suspected drunk drivers. The following is information on a few of those cases.

6/3/12, 0030 hours, Ryan Fling (age 31) was observed driving with an inoperable headlight by Officer Cardana. Officer Cardana pulled behind Fling's vehicle as it traveled south on Anacapa Street towards Gutierrez Street. The vehicle made a left turn, eastbound, onto Gutierrez Street, driving the wrong way on a one-way street. Officer Cardana conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and immediately noticed that Fling displayed signs of alcohol intoxication. He requested the Drinking Driver Team Officer and Officer Tudor responded and contacted Fling. Fling became uncooperative, initially refusing to exit his vehicle. He stated to Officer Tudor that he had consumed some alcohol and had also taken both Xanax and Vicodin; he further stated that he was a combat veteran. Officer Tudor was able to get Fling to exit the vehicle, however as he attempted to conduct a pat search for weapons, Fling began fighting with the officers. Officer Little responded to assist and ultimately Fling was handcuffed. Fling was placed under arrest for DUI and resisting arrest. Fling was advised of his requirement to submit to a chemical test to measure the alcohol content of his blood and given the choice to submit to a blood test or a breath test. Fling refused to cooperate with a chemical test, requiring the blood nurse to collect the sample with a "forced draw" while Fling was handcuffed and lying on a padded mat. Fling's BAC was measured at .28. He was booked into County Jail.

6/7/12, 0059 hours, Eric West (age 44) was stopped by Drinking Driver Team Officer Tudor for driving with an inoperable brake light. When Officer Tudor contacted West he immediately noticed West was displayed signs of alcohol intoxication. West initially denied consuming any alcohol, however later stated that he had consumed one twenty-ounce beer. Officer Tudor conducted a DUI investigation and determined that West was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle. West provided two breath samples which registered his BAC at .17 and .15. West was issued a citation for DUI and admitted into the Sobering Center.

6/9/12, 0150 hours, Charlie Alvarez Lorenzo (age 23) was observed by Officer Corbett parked at a 7-Eleven parking lot. Officer Corbett observed Lorenzo driving away from the lot, noticed that Lorenzo's vehicle was weaving, and conducted a traffic stop. Officer Corbett discovered that Lorenzo was on probation for DUI which included a "no alcohol when driving" term. Lorenzo stated he had consumed

one beer approximately three hours earlier. According to the terms of his probation, Lorenzo was required to provide a breath sample which registered his BAC at .214. Officer Corbett conducted a DUI investigation and later determined that Lorenzo was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle. He placed Lorenzo under arrest for DUI and violation of probation. Lorenzo chose to submit to a blood test which registered his BAC at .19. Lorenzo was booked into County Jail.

6/9/12, 2338 hours, Miya Ando (age 38) was observed driving erratically by a citizen. The citizen, after observing Ando weaving, almost causing a collision, and failing to drive at a green light, exited his vehicle at an intersection, detained Ando, and waited for police to arrive. Officer Naganuma responded and conducted a DUI investigation. Officer Naganuma determined that Ando was far too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed her under arrest for DUI. Ando provided two breath samples which registered her BAC at .25 and .25 and a blood sample which registered her BAC at .27. Ando was booked into County Jail.

6/17/12, 1815 hours, Catherine Cora (age 45) was driving and involved in a minor traffic collision where she rear-ended another vehicle. The driver of the other vehicle reported that he believed that Cora might be under the influence. Officer Battaglia arrived and contacted Cora and noticed that she displayed symptoms of alcohol intoxication. Cora stated she had consumed three bottles of beer prior to driving. Officer Battaglia conducted a DUI investigation and determined that Cora was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle. Cora provided two breath samples which registered her BAC at .20 and .19 and a blood sample which registered her BAC at .19. Cora was issued a citation and admitted into the Sobering Center.

6/23/12, 0159 hours, Christopher Hund (age 31) was driving in the area of 1400 Salinas Place when Officer Payne conducted a traffic stop on his vehicle. Officer Payne had received a call from dispatch advising that a citizen had called 911 to report a suspicious vehicle and possible DUI driver. Officer Payne located a matching vehicle in the area driven by Christopher Hund. Officer Payne noted that Hund was displaying signs of intoxication and requested the Drinking Driver Team to assist. Drinking Driver Team Officer Tudor arrived and contacted Hund, also noting signs of intoxication. Hund stated he had consumed four beers and two shots while at a bar downtown. Officer Tudor conducted a DUI investigation and determined that Hund was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle. Hund was placed under arrest and chose to provide a blood sample which registered his BAC at .19. He was issued a citation and admitted into the Sobering Center.

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